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Snohomish County massage therapist suspended on suspicion of sexual misconduct after criminal rape charges

OLYMPIA — The license of Snohomish County massage practitioner Benjamin A. Fesler (MA00024647) has been immediately suspended for sexual misconduct due to criminal rape charges.

Charges in King County Superior Court say Fesler touched a client's breast with his hands and mouth in a sexual manner and used his fingers to rape her while making inappropriate remarks. The criminal charges led state health officials to issue sexual misconduct charges against his license and order the immediate suspension.

Fesler can't practice in Washington until the charges are resolved. He has 20 days to respond to the charges and to ask for a hearing.

The documents in this case can be seen online by clicking "[Look up a health care provider](#)" on the [Department of Health website](#); copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. That's also the number to call to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

The Department of Health and Board of Massage protects and promotes public health, safety, and welfare in Washington by regulating the competency and quality of health care providers. The agency establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms, and discipline. Rules, policies, and procedures promote the delivery of quality health care to people in Washington.

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